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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF BROOKINGS

The Pilot is to be commended for publishing the editorial by C.D.M. in the January 29 issue. As stated therein, "The above statements do not make pleasant reading, but the facts are there, and we must face them." If we do face the facts we may be able to prove conditions; but if we bury our heads in the sand like an ostrich we'll surely have no improvement. It is a healthy sign when there is recognition that improvements are desirable. Therefore, I hope that The Pilot will open its columns to Constructive Suggestions for the Betterment of Brookings. I will start off by making two suggestions:

Thanks to the good Lord, Brookings has the most beautiful scenery in the world, a climate which cannot be surpassed for all-year living, and friendly, honest, industrious citizens. Those assets we had when I came here about five years ago, and those assets we have today. I have not been disillusioned. I did not expect EASY MONEY. Notwithstanding the debits mentioned by C.D.M., and some others not specified, I believe Brookings is the finest place in the U.S.A. in which to live. When I look at the restless ocean and then up at Mt. Emily, and then at the towering Sitka spruces, my heart is at rest and I say "Thank God it is good." Come hell or high taxes (excuse that slip, I meant water), I am here to stay. I wish everyone here felt as I do; but I recognize that a man cannot be contented if he has financial worries. I am not interested in promoting a BOOM town; because I believe the BUST is sure to follow. I am for SLOW and STEADY. Let those who want to get rich quick go to Los Angeles or Miami or some other of the big cities with their crime and graft and cut-throat competition; and let us keep Brookings the fine little town where everyone is friendly and one's doors are not locked and everyone can make a decent living.

Now for my suggestions. C.D.M. says the selling price of real estate is too high. He could very properly say that real estate rentals are too high also; and that food prices are high. I agree that the selling price of real estate, and rentals, and food prices, are high; but thank goodness we have a free, competitive economy in this country based on the profit motive and you can hardly ask a man to reduce his prices simply for the benefit of the community. We rely on the law of supply and demand to take care of prices, and it is a tough law but it works. As for food prices, how can we expect to have the same prices as the big cities with their great quantities and lower transportation costs. We better face facts; food and lodging in Brookings will always be higher in Brookings than in the big cities. But remember, Brookings' scenery, climate and people more than off-set the high cost of living. Never forget that. However, it is well not to increase our bad points. So I suggest to the Chamber of Commerce, concentrate on attracting retired people with assured incomes and on commercial concerns which will provide a payroll. DISCOURAGE additional competition for our present business man. There is only so much business here and the more competition we have the more that fixed amount of business will be divided. The less gross business, the higher the unit price; and vice versa. So let us discourage additional competition and thus make it possible for the merchants to make a living and still give the public lower unit prices.

Now a suggestion for our Town Council. The financial prophets all say the country is facing tough times; and I say to Brookings: "Brother, you ain't seen nothing yet." Over our country as a whole 1952 was a boom year. How was it in Brookings? If Brookings had a tough pull in 1952, what is it going to have when the country as a whole is having a tough time? I leave it to you. So I suggest to the Town Council, keep taxes down. A low tax rate will help to offset some of the high costs we can't reduce.

Friends, I am in thorough accord with C.D.M.: "Brookings is a wonderful place in which to live, and will be just that much better for every ounce of effort we each expend in its behalf."
ERSKINE R. MILLER

NOTE FROM EDITOR: The Pilot definitely does welcome constructive suggestions for the betterment of Brookings. This newspaper is meant to be your paper and any ideas that help our community will be published.

DO THE PEOPLE OF BROOKINGS-HARBOR WANT THE AZALEA FESTIVAL AND LILY PARADE? ? ?

Your reaction to such a question would be "Certainly we want these events—they are traditional—they create a spirit of community—the publicity value to the area is tremendous—they create a friendly attitude in the neighboring communities."

If you do feel this way, and I am sure that every one of us does, then you must stop and ask yourself, "What part do I play, as an individual, in these activities."

New officers have just been elected, Mr. Ed McClain, president; Mr. Arthur Knox, vice president; Mrs. Arthur Knox, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Joe Rose, Mrs. Estes Morton, and Mr. George Funk to the board of directors. Other directors are Mrs. Mildred Byrne, Mr. Henry Kerr and Mr. Jack Holmes.

These are fine people and well qualified for their jobs—but, they need your help.

If everyone in the area did only a little, their work would be greatly simplified.

Please volunteer your services, if for only a few hours.

C. EDWARD DEMPSEY,
Outgoing President.

Letter From Washington

By

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.
4th District, Oregon

LATELY THERE has been considerable discussion of a bill to reduce taxes. In fact, I understand that the Committee on Ways and Means may report such a bill in the near future. There has been an attempt to make it appear that the Republicans of the House are at war among themselves over the question of whether or not to pass a bill to reduce taxes. That propaganda effort is obviously silly. Everybody wants to reduce taxes. The question is: Can taxes be reduced and the budget balanced? We surely do not want to kid ourselves by borrowing money to pay for tax reduction. In other words, most of us want an end of deficit financing.

It seems likely, however, that the budget for the coming fiscal year (which begins July 1) will be cut down as the result of genuine economy and efficiency. The result might easily be that estimated revenues at present rates would be substantially more for the fiscal year than the total of necessary appropriations. Those facts will not be known for sure until about June. Obviously it would not be sensible to continue to levy excessively high taxes and pile the money up in surplus after applying an appropriate amount to debt retirement. (Experts seem to agree that it would be dangerous, if not destructive, to pay the big debt off too rapidly.)

So the problem of tax reduction seems to be only a matter of timing. Like the Republican House leadership, I want to wait and see how the figures come out. Of one thing I am certain, I will not vote for a bill to cut taxes until I know what the score is.

DO YOU ever get so fed up with a line of foolish argument that you simply want to wave your hands in the air and scream? I do. "I'm almost that way now over this spurious, sanctimonious prattling to the effect that we must not do this or do that, or say this or say that, for fear it will give the Soviet Union fuel for their propaganda line. That type of trembling now is centered on the fact that President Eisenhower has called in some brilliant and successful business men to help out in the operation of the Federal government. Most of them, if not all, are making serious personal sacrifices to answer his call.

I think we should get one thing straight. The Communists do not need fuel for their propaganda. They simply make up what they happen to need. Facts are unimportant to them. It

seems to me it is high time that we run our own affairs in our own way—doing right as we see the right. Surely a policy based upon common sense, fairness, and truth will win over policies dictated by fear. If that is not so, we are sunk anyhow.

THE PLANT built at Springfield, Oregon, to produce alcohol and other products of value from waste wood (sawdust) has actually never been completely proven and operated. It is now back in the hands of the Surplus Property Division of the General Services Administration. The plant is now being examined to see if it has use for possible defense or other Federal needs. If such need is not found, the plant will be offered for sale. I am told that the present "screening" process will be completed perhaps in February and that bids will be taken in the spring.

This procedure is just so much government routine. This plant is far too important to the future of our forest industries and to the country to be simply junked in any such manner. I hope to be able to convince the proper officials of that fact.

Flower making materials, Yeltons.

Advertising in the Brookings-Harbor Pilot brings results.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The lesson-sermon "Love," which was read in all Christian Science churches February 1, was based upon the Golden Text (Jer. 9:24), "Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth."

According to the prevailing custom, the sermon consisted of citations read by two Readers from the King James Version of the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," the Christian Science textbook by Mary Baker Eddy, which latter included the following (p. 55), "My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself—when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind."

Weather Report

For two weeks, Jan. 19, ending Sunday, Feb. 1.

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Jan. 19	54	50	1.34
Jan. 20	53	46	.33
Jan. 21	52	42	.04
Jan. 22	56	45	—
Jan. 23	56	41	—
Jan. 24	53	43	.20
Jan. 25	54	44	.41
Total rainfall			2.32
Jan. 26	54	41	.07
Jan. 27	54	37	—
Jan. 28	50	43	.29
Jan. 29	55	46	.29
Jan. 30	61	47	.01
Jan. 31	59	46	.57
Feb. 1	57	40	T

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